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Title of Invention : PROCESS FOR THE QUANTITATIVE DETERMINATION
OF ALKALOIDS SUCH AS COCAINE IN A SOLID SAMPLE
AND REAGENT FOR USE IN SUCH PROCESS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to calculation of the filing fee in the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 2 as follows:

2. (Once Amended) Process according to claim 1, wherein said solid sample is a sample of hair.

Amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Once Amended) Process according to claim 1, wherein said temperature is ranging from 100°C to 150°C.